

Sermon Notes

God Directs His Undeserved Blessing

Genesis 25:1-34

Intro: "Are you getting what I'm saying? Let me say it again..."

Previously On Real FaithLives of Canaan (season 1)... (1-18)

- Abraham: flawed, believing, blessed by God, buried in land
- Ishmael & Isaac: two sons, but only one chosen by God as heir

Real Faithlives SEASON 2 Begins... (19)

1. God provides a miraculous pregnancy, reversing the curse, again
(19-21)

2. God says where his blessing goes, reversing the roles, again
(22-28)

See: Romans 9:6-16

Q: but isn't God choosing unfair?

3. God's blessing is not deserved by either brother, so it is mercy
(29-34)

Some Big Theological Questions raised by this passage:

- ➔ *How does Divine sovereignty fit with human responsibility?*
- ➔ *Does this mean there is no point in...Trying? Witness? Responding?*
- ➔ *Didn't God just foresee that Esau would say no?*
- ➔ *Is Esau a warning to us – I thought Christians couldn't fall away?*

Personal Applications for us:

- ➔ *Humility about self*
- ➔ *Humility towards others*
- ➔ *Thankfulness towards God*
- ➔ *Not valuing appetites now over inheritance to come*